

Remarks

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1 through 43 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, 26 and 35 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from Claims 1, 11, 26 and 35. Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 11, 26, 30 and 35. Applicant has cancelled claims 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 27.

Claims 8 and 9 are objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended the claims to correct the informalities.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 to address insufficient antecedent issues.

Rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lederer et al (US 20020023109). Applicant respectfully traverses this assertion.

Applicant's invention describes a method and system that can provide information on the rules, regulations and laws that will govern a particular business transaction. The rules, regulations and laws could be for a domestic business transaction between two states or for an international transaction between nations. This invention will enable a user that desires to participate in a business transaction to access information on the particular government rules and regulations that would apply to the transaction. The user would not only receive information rules and regulations that cover the proposed transaction, but the invention would also generate a summary of the activities and costs (such as tariffs) that would occur during the proposed transaction based on the governing rules and regulations.

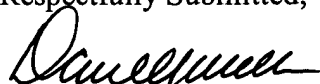
Lederer describes a system for ensuring compliance with regulations includes a data storage for storing compliance-related data pertaining to products. The system also includes a communication interface for receiving information from an entity (such as an order-entry system) pertaining to an order placed by the entity or customer-related information. The system also includes functionality for examining the information to determine whether it may be successfully processed by the system, and if so, for processing the information. The system further includes functionality for storing an indication of the information in a suspense storage area when the system determines that it cannot be successfully processed.

The examiner asserts that Lederer describes a profile of the potential transaction described in the submitted query, said profile including information on product type restrictions, product tariffs and product quantity limits. The description in Lederer does mention or discuss a profile of a potential transaction. Lederer [0058-0060] has language describing some consumer-related information, but not about the types of potential transactions. Further, Lederer does not teach or mention information about tariffs.

For Lederer to anticipate Applicant's present invention, each claimed element of the invention must be described in the reference. Contrary to the examiner's statement that all elements are disclosed in the cited reference, the element of a transaction response containing a profile of the potential transaction described in the submitted query, said profile including information on product type restrictions, product tariffs and product quantity limits is not, so the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the art of record (alone or in combination) teaches, discloses or even suggests the invention as recited in each of Applicant's claims. Applicant further submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,



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